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Request for Continued Examination & Amendment

This communication is in response to the *final* Office Action dated 03 March 2005. This response is filed within the three (3) month shortened statutory period and therefore is not accompanied with any Petition Request for an Extension of Time. However, if the applicant's attorney is in error, please consider this a Request for an Extension of Time necessary to affect the filing of the same. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Status & Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

35 USC §102 Rejection Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

Request for Reconsideration begins on page 11 of this paper.

Fee Determination Sheet.